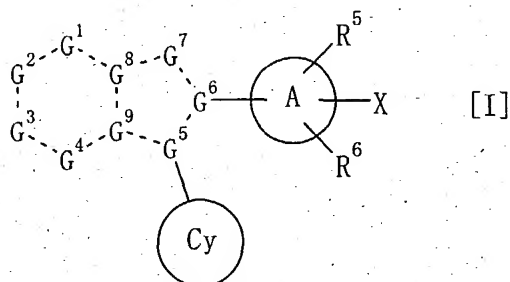


# ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention provides a fused ring compound of the following formula [I]



5 wherein each symbol is as defined in the specification, a  
pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and a therapeutic agent  
for hepatitis C, which contains this compound. The compound of  
the present invention shows an anti-hepatitis C virus (HCV) action  
based on the HCV polymerase inhibitory activity, and is useful as  
10 a therapeutic agent or prophylactic agent for hepatitis C.